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I am opposed to the current proposed Microsoft settlement. I believe that by the government-sanctioned flood of Microsoft supplied hardware and software into the educational market that the government would be handing Microsoft a significant portion of the educational market for free. I thought that the original action was brought on behalf of *consumers;* consumers like me who bought licenses to use Microsoft products that crash and take my data down with them, that insist on placing themselves on my desktop until I forcibly remove them with a third-party program, who choose to use a better, faster web browser (Opera) but are still forced to let MS Internet Explorer reside on their hard disks because it is required to install security patches and bug repairs to the leaky and fault-ridden products; consumers who run home networks with Linux and Microsoft operating systems to can expect SAMBA connectivity to go down the tubes with every new version of Windows.

My kids already have computers in their school; nice, stable Apples. I wouldn't wish Microsoft computers on any school anywhere. The proposed settlement does nothing for Me and the damage I have suffered. Make Windows Update available without MSIE, open up the APIs so more programs can work with Windows, insist that Windows play nice with other operating systems. That would help me.

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